

Subactivity: NOAA Corps Retirement Pay (Mandatory)
Line Item: NOAA Corps Retirement Pay (Mandatory)

GOAL STATEMENT:

The objective of this line item is to provide payment of benefits to retired NOAA Corps Officers and their families.

BASE DESCRIPTION:

The retirement system for the uniformed services provides a measure of financial security after release from active duty for service members and their survivors. It is an important factor in the choice of a career in the uniformed services, and the legal mandate for rates to be paid is the same for all uniformed services, 10 USC. Retired pay is an entitlement to NOAA commissioned officers under 33 USCA 3044, 33 USCA 3045, and 33 USCA 3046. Retired pay funds are transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard, which handles the payments each year as adjusted pursuant to the Department of Defense Authorization legislation. Healthcare funds for non-Medicare-eligible retirees, dependents, and annuitants are transferred to the U.S. Public Health Service, which administers the healthcare program.

Legal authority for retirement of NOAA Corps officers is contained in 33 USCA 3044. Retired commissioned officers of the NOAA Corps receive retirement benefits that are administered by the Commissioned Personnel Center within the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations.

Significant Adjustments to Base (ATBs): NOAA requests an increase of \$818,000 to fund an expected increase in retired pay due to inflation. It will also be used to fund an expected increase in the cost of health benefits for non-Medicare eligible retirees, dependants, and annuitants.

Base activities support both objectives under the Department of Commerce Strategic Goal of “Observe, protect, and manage the Earth's resources to promote environmental needs.”

PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

None.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

(Dollars in thousands)

Subactivity: NOAA Corps Retirement Pay (Mandatory)	FY 2005 ACTUALS	FY 2006 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE	FY 2007 BASE PROGRAM	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	INCREASE / DECREASE
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TOTAL	17,574	18,504	19,322	19,322	-
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Note: The dollars in this table represent budget authority.

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FY 2007:

None.